



MICHAEL STUMP LOG CABIN, HERITAGE WEEKEND 1993 annual commemorative tile is now available for your collection. The Log Cabin will be open on Saturday, September 25, during Heritage Weekend for touring. The 1993 commemorative tile will also be available during Heritage Weekend at Headquarters and at other locations throughout the county.

The 22nd Annual Commemorative Tile featuring the Michael Stump Log Cabin on the South Fork has arrived.

The elegant blue on white tile is available at Heritage Weekend Headquarters which is the Hardy County Public Library on Main Street in Moorefield.

The Stump Cabin, located on the South Fork Road, approximate 13 miles southeast of Moorefield, is owned by Mr. John Buhl and will be open on Saturday, September 25, for tour.

The Stump Cabin was built in the mid-1700s.

In the diary of George Washington was found a notation of the need for survey of lands for Michael Stump, lands which had been settled prior to 1748 and lands which were claimed by Michael Stump under the "Tomahawk" property title claim.

Sixteen year old George was a member of the survey party which was commissioned by Thomas Lord Fairfax to survey lands of the Fairfax Proprietary of the Northern Neck of Virginia in the late 1700s. James Glenn, licensed Virginia surveyor, directed the surveying of South Fork lots.

The survey of this land for young Michael Stump is recorded in George Washington's diary: "In 1748, Tuesday the 29th, this morning went out and surveyed five hundred acres of land and went down to one Michael Stumps

on ye South Branch, South Fork. On the way shot two wild turkeys. Wednesday, the 30th, this morning began out intended bussiness of laying off lots. We began at ye boundary line of ye northern, 10 miles above Stumps. The course and distance of ye lots layed off on ye South Fork of Wappacomo.

"Began March 30th Lot No. 1 to Peter Reed. Thursday the 31st early this morning one of the men went out with ye gun and soon returned with two wild turkeys, we then went to our camping place at Stumps. Saturday the 2nd, last night was blowing and raining. Our straw caught on fire. We were lying upon it and was luckily preserved by one of our men awaking when it was ablaze. We ran off four lots this day which reached below Stumps ... and Lot No. 12 for Michael Stump."

Renovations and restorations of the Stump log cabin have preserved the history of the building which was constructed by logs taken from the surrounding forest. A kitchen and other living areas have been added onto the back of the building to add to the comforts of today's living style.

Documents in possession of members of the family include the following handwritten letter from a Springfield slave girl to Adam Stump, Hampshire County, Virginia.

"August 27th 1851

Master Adam Stump Sir I take this opportunity of dropping you a few lines to let you know that I expect for to be sould in the course of 8 or 10 days and I want you for to come down and buy me the people expect that I will go for nothing most I dont expect for to bring over 150 dollars I tired of this way of shifting moving about I want you or gorge to come down next tuesday of next moni you shant loese nothing if you buy me I dont want nothing said about me writing to you so no more at preasant only to hope that you will come and buy me

Patsy H sent to Mr. Adam Stump Springfield Hampshire Co Va"

This and other documents will be on display during Heritage Weekend tour.

The Stump Log Cabin is among some twenty historic sites that will be open for tour this Heritage Weekend.

Complete details, tour tickets and tickets for the Potomac Eagle Train tour of the historic trough are available from Heritage Weekend Headquarters, Hardy County Public Library, P. O. Box 301, Moorefield, WV 26836. Telephone 538-6560, FAX (304) 538-2639.

**School Starts Wednesday,
September 1**